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Microsoft Settlement
U.S. Department of Justice-Antitrust Division
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Dear Microsoft Settlement:

The Microsoft trial has wasted enough of the taxpayers' dollars. The Government's continued interference in the marketplace at the behest of Microsoft's inept and whiney competitors constitutes a major nuisance to consumers, and a serious deterrent to investors in the high-tech industry. It is high time for this trial, and the wasteful spending accompanying it, to be over. Consumers want competition in the marketplace, rather than the courtroom.

If and when the Government understands that we the consumers want this to end, only then will the investors who propel our economy finally breathe a sigh of relief.

A majority of Americans thought the Federal Government should not have instituted the action against Microsoft. So when the case is finally over, Microsoft can get back into the business of innovating and creating better products for consumers, and not wasting valuable time and resources on litigation.

Competition means creating better goods and offering superior services to consumers. With government out of the business of stifling progress and tying the hands of corporations, consumers - rather than bureaucrats and judges - will once again pick the winners and losers on Wall Street. With the reins off the high-tech industry, more entrepreneurs will be encouraged to create new and competitive products and technologies.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views.

Sincerely,

Ed Lenfestey